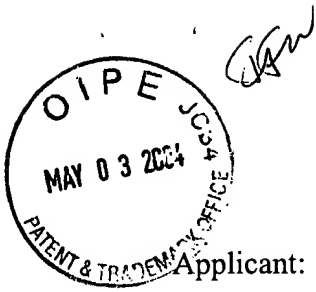


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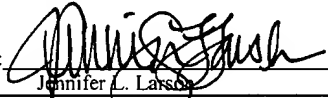
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 4.